

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 84-183 are pending in this application.

Claims 84-90, 93-115, 118-140, 143-165 and 168-183 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gagnon et al., U.S. Patent 6,522,342 ("Gagnon").

Claims 91-92, 116-117, 141-142 and 166-167 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gagnon as applied to claims 90, 115, 140 and 165, and further in view of Hendricks et al, U.S. Patent 5,798,785.

Applicant's Reply to the Claim Rejections

Applicants' independent claims 84, 109, 134, and 159 are directed towards an interactive media guide for accessing media provided by a plurality of different media sources. One or more media group options are provided indicating the media available to the user without indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

The Examiner contends that applicant's independent claims are anticipated by Gagnon. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Gagnon fails to show or suggest one or more media group options that indicate the media available to the user without indicating the content, title, or source of the media. The Examiner contends that this element of applicants' claims is shown or suggested by Gagnon in FIGS. 2 and 5-7 (in conjunction with the portions of the specification that correspond with those figures). Applicants respectfully submit that this is not the case.

FIG. 2 of Gagnon does not show or suggest media group options that indicate the media available to the user without indicating the content, title, or source of the media. Applicants can find no explanation in the Office Action as to how FIG. 2 of Gagnon is relevant to applicants' claimed media group options. Applicants' assume that the Examiner is analogizing applicants' claimed media group options with the four links (i.e., 152, 154, 156 and 158) included in FIG. 2 of Gagnon. These four links, however, clearly indicate what type of content will be provided when each of the links is selected - one will provide web content, another will provide software content, etc.

FIGS. 5-7 of Gagnon also do not show or suggest media group options that indicate the media available to the user without indicating the content, title, or source of the media.* FIGS. 5-7 show "graphic sub-segments representing a library of available websites" (Gagnon, col. 13, lines 56-67). Gagnon clearly states that each website sub-segment is required to include a title header (e.g., ABC.com, DirectTV.com, etc.), which clearly indicates the source of the website (e.g., ABC.com, DirectTV.com, etc.).

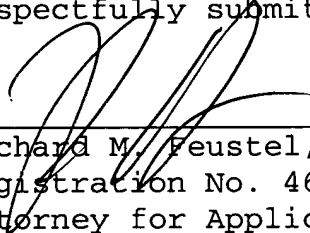
* The Examiner states "that the media indicators of fig.5 and other figures [of Gagnon] do not indicate any content, title or source of media" (Office Action, p. 2, emphasis added). Applicants' believe, however, that the Examiner intended to write "media group options" instead of "media indicators," because applicants' claims do not require the media indicators to abstain from indicating any content, title or source of media. If the Examiner disagrees, applicants' respectfully request that the Examiner mail a clarifying Office Action.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, applicants' independent claims 84, 109, 134 and 159 are not anticipated by Gagnon and are, therefore, allowable over Gagnon.

Dependent claims 85-108, 110-133, 135-158 and 160-183 are dependent from at least one of allowable independent claims 84, 109, 134 and 159 and are allowable at least because independent claims 84, 109, 134 and 159 are allowable.

This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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